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SUBJECT: ITALIAN REQUEST FOR APPROVAL MILITARY SALES TO
ECHADOR

- 1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NOTA VERBALE FROM ITALIAN MFA REFERRING TO QUOTE AGREEMENTS IN FORCE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ITALY REGARDING THE EXPORT OF STRATEGIC MATERIAL PRODUCED IN ITALY UNDER AMERICAN LICENSE UNQUOTE AND REQUESTING ADVANCE APPROVAL FOR THE EXPORT TO ECUADOR BY THE AERITALIA CO. OF 10(AND POSSIBLY AN ADDITIONAL 29) F-104S AIRCRAFT AS WELL AS OF 20 (AND POSSIBLY AN ADDITIONAL 40) GENERAL ELECTRIC J85/13A ENGINES FOR INSTALLATION IN G-91Y AIRCRAFT.
- 2. NOTE HAS BEEN FOLLOWED UP WITH TELEPHONE CALLS FROM THE MINISTRY URGING AN EARLY DECISON.
- 3. COMMENT: THE NOTE OF URGENCY IS NOT UNUSUAL IN THESE CASES WITH THE MINISTRY UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM THE MSNUFACTURERS WHO SEE SUCH SALES STARKLY AS ESSENTIAL TO THEIR SURVIVAL. THE IMPULSE FROM THE MINISTRY IS SOMEWHAT SHARPENED IN THIS INSTANCE BY THE IMPERATIVES OF THE COMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF PRIME CONFIDENTIAL

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MINISTER ANDREOTTI. IN THE ITALIAN VIEW THE U.S.HAS BEEN HIGHLY RESTRICTIVE TOWARD THE THIRD COUNTRY SALES OF EQUIPMENT PRODUCED IN ITALY UNDER U.S. LICENSE. APPROVAL OF THIS SALE COINCIDENT WITH OR IN ANTICIPATION OF THE VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD OBVIOUSLY ENHANCE HIS CREDIT WITH IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF THE ITALIAN MANUFACTURING SECTOR.GARDNER

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